

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



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Office

Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
do hereby proclaim October 2007, as

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**Whereas**, Spanning centuries, cultures and continents, domestic violence is a tragic epidemic that has devastating effects on countless women and children; and,

**Whereas**, Domestic violence is the intentional and patterned use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic coercion and abuse; and,

**Whereas**, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2005 Uniform Crime Report indicates that of the 1,342 known intimate partner homicides in the U.S., approximately 79 percent were female victims; and,

**Whereas**, The 2005 report from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center identifies 58 intimate partner homicides and 70,056 domestic violence offenses; and,

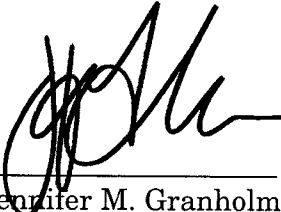
**Whereas**, Domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, security and humanity; and,

**Whereas**, The State of Michigan is committed to taking a firm position against domestic violence and will remain focused on ensuring that women and children are safe in their homes and abusers are held accountable for their crimes; and,

**Whereas**, Domestic Violence Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence issues and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services and assistance to domestic violence victims; and now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2007, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to help bring an end to this serious problem.



  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor